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SUBJ: FACILITATIVE ASSISTANCE - RALEIGH V GIPPS

REF: A. BRISBANE 226 OF SEPT 26, 1975

B. STATE 259516 OF NOV 1, 1975

C. BRISBANE 26 OF FEB 5, 1976

D. BRISBANE 275 OF NOV 20, 1975

E. BRISBANE 35 OF FEB 19, 1976

1. NEITHER GIPPS NOR POST HAS HAD ANY CONTACT AT ALL
EXFWARDING PROGRAM TO BE ARRANGED BY BUREAU OF RECLAMATION
AS OFFERED IN REFTTEL B AND ACCEPTED IN REFTTEL D.

2. GROWING CONCERN EXPRESSED BY POST AND GIPPS IN REFTELS
C AND E. AS EXPLAINED GIPPS HAS BEEN UNDER PRESSURE FROM
HIS GOVERNMENT TO PROVIDE INFORMATION ON US VISITS.

3. GIPPS STILL HOPES TO SPEND TWO WEEKS IN US AND AS FINAL
RESORT NOW WISHES TO WRITE DIRECT TO BUREAU OF RECLAMATION
IN AMARILLO, TEXAS TO ARRANGE TO VISIT THERE STARTING APRIL 12.

4. AS CHIEF CONSTRUCTION ENGINEER OR COORDINATOR GENERAL'S
DEPARTMENT OF QUEENSLAND STATE GOVERNMENT GIPPS IS CONSIDERED
A SENIOR CIVIL SERVANT WITH MAJOR INFLUENCE IN DECISIONS
RELATING TO NEW MAJOR STATE PROJECTS AND THE TECHNIQUES AND
MATERIALS USED. HE IS THEREFORE AN IMPORTANT CONTACT TO THE
POST IN BOTH COMMERCIAL AND A GOVERNMENT SENSE.

5. THIS LACK OF ANY RESPONSE HAS PREVENTED THE POST GIVING
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ANY ASSISTANCE OR ADVICE TO GIPPS OTHER THEN INFORMING HIM OF

THE NEVER-CONSUMMATED OFFER OF REFTEL B. THIS HAS PLACED THE POST AND THE OFFICERS INVOLVED IN A POSITION OF DISTINCT EMBARRASSMENT.

6. ACTION REQUESTED: (A) POST REQUESTS ADDRESS OF BUREAU OF RECLAMATION AND NAME OF OFFICER TO CONTACT IN AMARILLO, TEXAS, TO ALLOW US TO PASS THIS TO GIPPS, (B) POST WOULD APPRECIATE ADVICE AS TO WHETHER IT IS PLANNED TO SUGGEST ANY DETAILED PROGRAM TO GIPPS. ANY INFORMATION EITHER POSITIVE OR NEGATIVE WILL ALLOW US TO AT LEAST ADVISE GIPPS ON WHAT HE CAN EXPECT BEFORE HE DEPARTS AUSTRALIA ON MARCH 26.
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